

# CONCORDIA'S THURSDAY REPORT

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## Board seeks to defuse tension

*A cooling-off period on Israel-Palestine issues at Concordia*

BY BARBARA BLACK

The Board of Governors of the university deliberated in closed session for two and a half hours on Sept. 18, and emerged with more details of the measures being taken to deal with the fallout from the recent disturbance on the downtown campus.

On Sept. 9, a protest against scheduled speaker Benjamin Netanyahu turned violent, resulting in a confrontation in the mezzanine and lobby of the Hall Building, broken windows and furniture, pepper spray (but not tear gas, as previously reported) and five arrests so far. It also resulted in national publicity, much of it negative.

The Board adopted three resolutions, which you can read in full on the university's Web site, [www.concordia.ca](http://www.concordia.ca). For a period of no more than three months, public meetings or speeches dealing

with Israeli-Palestinian issues are disallowed, as are exhibits or installations, posters and information tables with pamphlets or other material on the subject.

This does not stop people from discussing the Middle East or any other topic among themselves. Nor does it stop discussion in

### *Sanctions depend on the severity of the offense*

class when such discussion bears upon the subject matter of the course.

Information tables and display booths of any kind are disallowed in the lobby and mezzanine of the Hall Building, and the university will find other appropriate space.

The rules are being enforced by the Dean of Students Office, in cooperation with University Security. Sanctions will depend on the severity of the offense and the status of the rule-breaker. The

police have offered their full cooperation, and infractions of the criminal code will be pursued.

The Board has also granted Rector Frederick Lowy the power of immediate action to deal with a student who breaks university rules. This may take the form of a written reprimand, imposed conditions, payment for loss of property, a fine of up to \$500, suspension from the university, and expulsion. The student has the right to request a review of the ruling by a panel of the Board of Governors.

One Board resolution describes unacceptable behaviour as discrimination, harassment, threats or violence, offenses against property, and other acts contrary to a safe and civil environment at the university.

Non-students who breach university rules will be excluded from

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ART FOR PASSERSBY: Melanie Authier, president of the Fine Arts Student Alliance (FASA), puts a bright new face on the construction fence of Concordia's new downtown building on Mackay St. near Ste. Catherine. Authier and fellow art student Jessie Brugger are running the Concordia Fence Project, and invite students and faculty members to participate. Contact them via the Fine Arts web site, <http://fasa.concordia.ca/FenceProject.htm>.

## Political science department gains a new vitality

*Bids fair to become one of Canada's top three, says Chair Reeta Tremblay*

BY FRANK KUIN

Concordia's Department of Political Science is buzzing with activity these days. Its young and dynamic faculty members are publishing extensively, enrolment is way up, and the growth spurt of recent years has been noted by the political science community across Canada.

A sense of fresh enthusiasm is palpable in the offices on upper Bishop St. The lively chair of the department, Dr. Reeta Tremblay, is shepherding her flock of new recruits, who are actively drawing in new students and organizing conferences.

She's also publishing articles about her own specialization, South Asia and Kashmir, and

planning yet another expansion project: the creation of a PhD program.

It's a remarkable turnaround for a department that a mere few years ago experienced a brush with oblivion. In a wave of retirements, Political Science lost about half its faculty in the second half of the 1990s, and according to Tremblay, was toying with the idea of closing down altogether.

"Our department was one of the worst hit," Tremblay said of the retirements, which by 1998 saw its faculty slashed from 21 full-time members to 11. "So the choice was to close down the department or rebuild it."

Of course, it was decided to rebuild — fortunately, as it turns

out, because now, following an aggressive hiring spree, it is felt that the department can challenge for a spot in the top three political science schools in Canada.

"We really have a good chance," Tremblay said. "We have no problem in terms of credibility. The whole Canadian political science community knows that we've been hiring the best. We're certainly on the map in Canada."

What's the secret behind the political science department's resurrection? According to Tremblay, the "complete renewal" of the department was born out of the bloodletting, because it forced the remaining faculty to start with a clean slate.

"It gave us an excellent oppor-



Professor Reeta Tremblay

tunity to bring in new faculty members with new research profiles," she said. "And it really started us thinking about how to create an ideal department."

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# Novelist-poet Steven Heighton takes up residence

Gifted author will guide creative writing students in the everyday struggle to write something good

BY BRONWYN CHESTER

While the photographer was getting Steven Heighton to pose, Concordia's new writer in residence was asking him for advice on translating *Le Bateau ivre*, the title of a poem by Rimbaud.

Heighton's first novel, *The Shadow Boxer*, was considered a Best Book of 2000 by the *Globe and Mail*, while his collection of poetry, *The Ecstasy of Skeptics*, was nominated for the Governor-General's Award in 1995. Beyond being a gifted novelist, short-story writer and poet, Heighton is also a translator.

He can read French, but not speak it. After completing his graduate and undergraduate studies at Queen's University, Heighton learned to read French literature with a dictionary. Now he's thrilled to be in Montreal at least one day a week, coaching students in Concordia's creative writing program.



Writing is a matter of keeping distractions to a minimum: Steven Heighton

The settings for *The Shadow Boxer* include Sault Ste. Marie, Lake Superior, Toronto — and Cairo. The protagonist, Sevigne Torrins, spends time in Cairo visiting his mother, who has left The

Soo to pursue a life of comfort with a new husband. It's not a city Heighton knows except through books, but it works.

Cairo notwithstanding, Heighton, now 40, has travelled widely.

At age 18, he set off westward from Toronto, where he spent part of his childhood (the other part was in Red Lake, northern Ontario, where his father taught English and his mother "wrote letters to appease the relatives regarding her marriage to a non-Greek"), to travel in Australia and Europe, busking along the way. Later, he travelled in Asia, including Japan.

These days, travel involves a weekly trek by train from Kingston. This is Heighton's first time as writer in residence at a university, and he plans to give readings, conduct master classes and work with students' manuscripts.

He already has a lot of experience in the exchange of criticism with fellow writers, such as Concordia English professor and novelist Kate Sterns, who was on the writer-in-residence selection committee.

"Steven is a tremendously generous and sympathetic person

who's engaged in the everyday struggle to write something good," she says.

"He's going to see the best in students' work and help them bring it out."

That likely won't be by e-mail or fax, however, as Heighton has access to neither in the home office where he spends six hours a day working on his next novel, which he described as "an Arctic story set mostly in Mexico," and a collection of poems, some his, some translations of favourite poems from the Greek, French, and Latin.

His decision to limit the technology in his life isn't a matter of principle, even though some of his friends call him a Luddite. "It's just a question of keeping the distractions to a minimum."

"I try to keep life as simple as possible and as physical as possible. Food, sex, music and dancing are the visceral antidotes to the chaotic state of my brain," he said, laughing.

## Enrolment continues to grow

Concordia becoming a local university of choice

The latest enrolment figures show a continued rise. Interim Registrar Linda Healey reports that Concordia now has 25,803 undergraduate students, compared with 24,115 at this time last year. This includes all Faculties, as well as independent, visiting and certificate students. Figures for graduate students are slower to come in, but CTR will report them when they are available.

Concordia is the fastest-growing university in Quebec. Last year's enrolment was the highest in the university's history: 28,237 full-time and part-time students, representing 20,641 full-time-equivalents (FTEs). Moreover, since 1995, Concordia's share of Montreal's and Quebec's student population has increased.

As Rector Frederick Lowy said in a recent presentation of this data to the Board of Governors, "students' decision to enrol at Concordia when they have so many other options validates our own belief that we offer programs that are relevant and desirable."

Engineering undergraduate enrolment has risen by 110 per cent since 1997, taking Concordia from sixth to third place among Quebec universities.

The rise in enrolment is fortunately being matched by an unprecedented renewal of the faculty cohort. In Arts and Science alone, 178 professors — about one-third of the total — have retired in the past six years. Across the university, 206 full-time professors have been hired in the past five years.

## Cooling-off period at Concordia

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university property and may face other penalties, and organizations which do so will indefinitely lose the right to reserve university facilities.

In a message to the university community, the Rector explains the need for this cooling-off period, and specifically encourages activities likely to bring the two opposing sides together, or at least shed light on the subject rather than heat.

These could include constructive, low-key meetings of both sides, articles and letters to the student newspapers and the *Thursday Report*, and classroom discussions conducted under the supervision of an instructor. For more on this issue, see Senate Notes (page 4), Opinion (page 5), and CSU (page 10).

## Research awards across the university

The Canada Foundation for Innovation announced in July \$925,252 in funding for research infrastructure. The money, part of the CFI's New Opportunities program, will go to five assistant professors recently arrived at Concordia.

Three of the researchers are in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. Brandon Gordon is working on a distributed computing environment for real-time simulation of mechanical systems- aerospace and automotive applications. Ibrahim Hassan is studying novel cooling schemes for the next generation of aircraft engines and developing micro-scale power devices. Paula Wood-Adams works on the physics of advanced materials, featured in CTR last year.

### Science grants

The Department of Exercise Science's Robert Boushel and Gerald Zavorsky are working on the regulation of blood flow and oxygen transport during exercise, and vascular remodeling with training. (See page 6.)

Paul Hastings, a psychologist associated with the Centre for Research in Human Development, has a CFI grant to study the physiology and cognition of affective development, and

do integrated studies of adaptive emotional processes in children.

### Aerospace grants to engineers

Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department has also been awarded five projects from the Consortium for Research and Innovation in Aerospace in Quebec (CRIAQ), a newly established government-sponsored research organization. The total funding for the five projects is \$1,938,250.

V.S. Hoa was awarded \$141,667 for a research project on the design and manufacture of low-cost composites, in collaboration with Bombardier and Bell Helicopter, for three years.

Jaroslav Svoboda, an expert in the integration of real-time flight simulation and computational fluid dynamics, was awarded \$125,000 for three years, plus \$37,500 in the fourth year, for a project in collaboration with CAE, and \$58,333 per year for three years for a project in collaboration with CMC.

Ion Stiharu was awarded \$212,500 per year for three years, plus \$63,750 in the fourth year, for a project on the development and integration of microsystems (MEMS) for jet engine control and moni-

toring, in collaboration with Pratt & Whitney and CMC.

### Arts and Science research chairs

Psychologist Andreas Arvanitogiannis, who is a member of the Centre for Studies in Behavioural Neurobiology, was named a Canada Research Chair, the first Concordia professor to be so honoured.

In addition, the Faculty has appointed three of its members to Concordia University Research Chairs: Frederick Bird, who is directing a major study in business ethics around the world; Ann English, whose studies in inorganic chemistry on oxidative stress in cells may yield clues to the aging process in humans; and Gilles Peslherbe, the founding director of Concordia's Centre for Research in Molecular Modelling.

### Junior Researcher Award in JMSB

The John Molson School of Business has established a Distinguished Junior Faculty Research Award, to be presented annually at spring convocation.

The award carries a one-year research grant. Candidates must be full-time tenure-track assistant or associate professors within five years of obtaining their PhDs.

# Delving into absence from work

Gary Johns named Concordia Research Chair in Management

BY JULIE PARKINS

Calling in sick for work is something many of us have done at one time or another. Perhaps we weren't actually sick, but just felt that we needed a "mental health" day.

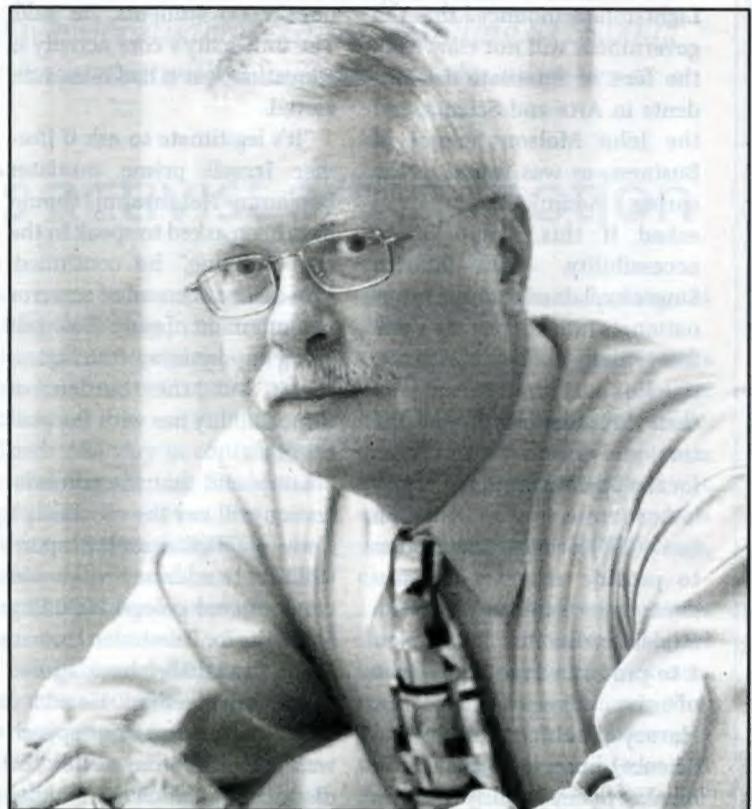
Absence from work is so prevalent, and so intriguing, that Management Professor Gary Johns will never run out of material. A 28-year veteran of the subject, Johns has just been named to the Concordia University Research Chair in Management.

"When I started studying absenteeism, it was a pretty boring subject and not many people looked at it," Johns said in an interview. "It was thought that it was simply a product of job dissatisfaction, which is true, but that's only one of a dozen reasons. It was also associated with demographics, but it wasn't clear then and it isn't clear now why that is."

Johns' work in absenteeism and other areas of industrial organizational psychology has appeared frequently in nearly every top journal in the field. He has earned the status of fellow in several professional societies, and his advice is sought by the editors of academic journals. One colleague quoted by Dean Jerry Tomberlin at the reception held in Johns' honour last Thursday went even further.

Dr. Susan Jackson, Director of Doctoral Programs at Rutgers University, said, "Dr. Johns is widely recognized throughout the international scholarly community as the world's leading expert on the phenomenon of absence from work. Indeed, there is really no one else who is a close second in the field."

As Research Chair in Management, Dr. Johns looks forward to bringing in influential speakers, planning conferences and involving more and more PhD students in his work.



Gary Johns, a leading researcher on absenteeism and stress in the workplace.

At the reception, he mentioned one of his former students, Jia Lin Xie, who worked for a week in a Chinese restaurant to get data for her thesis. Another study by Johns and Xie showed, perhaps for the first time, the radical differences between Chinese and Western attitudes to absenteeism and stress in the workplace. She is now a professor at the University of Toronto.

"These soft skills are some of the hardest things to train into people. The easy thing is that people like it and it's interesting, but the down side is that it can be amazingly hard to get people to change their own behaviour."

Johns cites the recent scandal at Enron as an example.

#### Early work has influenced many

Johns takes great pleasure in seeing the effects that his work has had throughout the years.

"One of the coolest things in all of this has been how I've been able to have some impact on other people's work. I was really lucky that a lot of work that I did early on was assigned in PhD courses all around North America and a bunch of graduate students cottoned on to it."

Johns sees the need for even more emphasis on the so-called

soft skills in business today — how people react in groups, understanding what motivates people, and decision-making.

"It's not that these people didn't understand Accounting 101 and Finance 101, they understood them all too well, well enough to manipulate the books, anyway.

"What they didn't understand is Organizational Behaviour 101, and how to set standards and detect this sort of behaviour. This is the greatest challenge. All this other material in business schools is irrelevant unless it gets translated through behaviour perceptions and attitudes of people in work."

Concordia faculty, staff and alumni/æ pop up in the media more often than you might think!

# names in the news

A 13-part documentary series called *Into the Fire*, about the making of the Cirque de Soleil show *Varekai*, has started on Global TV, on Sundays at 7 p.m. Prominent in the series is Michael Montanaro, who took leave from his post as chair of the Department of Contemporary Dance to choreograph the internationally successful production. You've only missed the first episode.

Patricia Posius (Administrator, Vice-Rector, Services) was quoted in an article in the *National Post* on Sept. 16 about efforts being made on campuses across Canada to improve service. A presentation will be given Oct. 1 to Concordia employees in the D.B. Clarke Theatre by SST Communications, a Chicago theatre company specializing in employee training programs. (We said in our last issue that it would be a video presentation, but in fact, it will be live. The editor apologizes.)

Several profiles were published this spring of Ned Goodman, Concordia adjunct professor, alumnus and benefactor via the Goodman Institute of Investment Management in the John Molson School of Business. *Montreal Business Magazine* described his approach to running Goodman Private Wealth Management. Diane Francis, writing in the *Financial Post*, described his rise to success, his development of Dundee Bankcorp, and his investment philosophy. "I didn't believe in the tech bubble; I didn't participate," he said. The Internet is changing the world, but where's the benefit for investors? "Highways are good, too, but nobody makes money with them either."

Christine Webb, director of the Institute for Co-operative Education, was a guest on Tommy Schnurmacher's show on CJAD a while back, talking about how co-op education creates excellent job opportunities and happy employers.

Harold Chorney (Political Science) was interviewed on Global TV in the wake of conflict-of-interest attacks last spring on members of Gérald Tremblay's municipal government. Chorney also wrote an essay for *The Gazette* in June recommending that instead of paying down the \$547.4-billion national debt, the Canadian government should invest this year's surplus of \$7 to 10 billion in the health care system and the military, and spend comparable amounts next year on urban infrastructure and education. Given a growth rate of 2 to 3 per cent in the economy, the debt-to-GDP ratio would fall in any case.

The work of Brian Smith, a researcher in the Psychology Department, attracted widespread media attention last spring. Smith's research, which was published in the journal *Alcohol*, indicates that the rats who are quickest to learn their way through a maze also become the most skilled at drinking alcohol without binging. He observed that the smart rats in his study learned to pace themselves when offered more alcohol, and did other activities rather than taking another drink. The research could have implications for addiction treatment.

Lawrence Kryzanowski (Finance) was quoted in a story in the *National Post* when it was announced that Henri-Paul Rousseau would succeed Jean-Claude Scraire as chairman and CEO of the Caisse de dépôt et placement de Québec. Scraire had recommended that the Caisse be more transparent. Kryzanowski agreed, saying that the Caisse's accounts should be subject to scrutiny by the Quebec auditor-general, and its priority should be to earn from its investments.

When Basem Boshra, *The Gazette's* new TV columnist, got fed up with seeing the same commercials on TV over and over again, he turned to Harold Simpkins (Marketing), who assured him he wasn't alone. Maybe the answer, Simpkins said, is to produce more commercials at lower cost, and retire them before they wear out our patience.

Christopher Gray (Philosophy) wrote an essay in *The Gazette* on May 25 about Quebec's proposal to sanction same-sex marriage. It would further weaken the already weak commitment of Quebecers to the marriage bond, and needs more discussion. "Most citizens are profoundly tolerant and open to the rights and dignity of gay and lesbian persons; yet many feel a deep and inarticulate unease about these proposals."

Reeta Tremblay (Political Science) was a guest on the *Tommy Schnurmacher Show* on CJAD, talking about the protracted conflict between India and Pakistan over the Indian state of Kashmir.

Ian Irvine (Economics) doesn't think much of the proposals to alleviate poverty proposed by both the Parti Québécois and the Action Democratis. In an essay in *The Gazette*, he called both plans holdovers from 1970s that would simply make it easier to get welfare. He looked to Alberta, which made it harder to get welfare and redirected potential recipients into education.

Sherry Simon (Études françaises), interviewed by Jeff Heinrich for *La Presse*, noted that increasing numbers of Montrealers, including students in her translation courses, don't have a single mother tongue. While this degree of bilingualism (and often trilingualism) is positive, it presents some challenges to the translator. Simon said that while being open to others languages, the translator must lay claim to a primary language and have a strong command of it.

#### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Alumni Recognition Awards Banquet

Thursday, October 3

Delta Centre-Ville, 777 University St.

6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

To order tickets (\$75 per person), please contact Lauren Gould at 848-7377 or [homecoming@alumni.concordia.ca](mailto:homecoming@alumni.concordia.ca).

#### RECIPIENTS:

Humberto Santos Award of Merit: George F. Lengvari, QC, L BA 63

Benoit Pelland Distinguished Service Award: Al Mah, BA 79, Elizabeth Ostro, S BA 44

Honorary Life Membership: Ron E. Lawless

Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching: Dr. Reeta C. Tremblay, Dr. J. Pierre Brunet, L BCom 70

Outstanding Student Award: Cristelle Basmaji, Vassilios Bill Mandelos, BCom 02

John Molson School of Business MBA Alumni of the Year Award: Robert Briscoe, S BSc 67, S MBA 73

## letters to the editor

### Netanyahu was not blocked at Berkeley

The following is an e-mail sent Sept. 19 to the city desk of *The Gazette*, and is reprinted here with permission:

**T**he *Gazette*'s Sept. 10 story on the Netanyahu visit in Canada contains an error that should be corrected.

Near the bottom of the story it states that students at the University of California, Berkeley, tried to block Netanyahu's visit to the campus two years ago.

Netanyahu did not visit UC Berkeley and the campus was not involved in this incident in any way. He was scheduled to speak at an event off campus and that event was sponsored by a Marin County company that runs a private lecture series. The event was at the Berkeley Community Center, an off-campus site run by the city of Berkeley.

The incidents and actions related to this event involved the city of Berkeley and its police department, not the campus administration nor campus police department. Again, there was no UC Berkeley involvement in any way.

Please correct this point. Your story continues to be picked up by other news organizations in the United States and posted on their web sites and placed in newspapers. Thanks for your help.

Janet Gilmore, Media Relations,  
University of California, Berkeley

### Board of Governors urged to reconsider

**A**s you may be aware, the Board of Governors has recently imposed a "cooling-off period," during which time no public meetings, speeches, exhibits, installations, information tables or posters dealing with Israeli-Palestinian issues will be permitted. Furthermore, university clubs, regardless of nature, will no longer be allowed to have information tables in the lobby or mezzanine of the Hall Building.

The imposition of such restrictions clearly curtails the rights to freedom of expression and assembly of Concordia's students and faculty. The rights to freedom of expression and assembly are fundamental rights enshrined in a number of international human rights treaties and are considered to be integral to the enjoyment of many other rights.

International law (such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, articles 19 and 21) does recognize that in certain exceptional circumstances authorities may be justified in imposing restrictions on the rights to free expression and free assembly. Any such restrictions must, however, be limited.

This includes the necessity of demonstrating that the restrictions are necessary in order to achieve certain objectives, such as respect for the rights or reputation of others, or to protect public order (the two permissible objectives which are most relevant to the current circumstances).

The United Nations Human Rights Committee, the expert body charged with monitoring state compliance with the Covenant, has stressed that limitations of this sort, which apply to a number of the Covenant's rights, "may be applied only for those purposes for which they were prescribed and must be directly related and proportionate to the specific need on which they are predicated."

Amnesty International is concerned that the widespread nature of the ban, which does not seek to distinguish in any way, for example, between peaceful events and events which may turn violent, is such that these limits cannot be considered to be proportionate to the need to uphold the rights or reputation of others or to protect public order.

Amnesty International has written to Rector Lowy urging the Board of Governors urgently to reconsider its decision.

The free and peaceful exchange of views and opinions is a vital human right. Any limits imposed by the Board should be those strictly necessary to avoid harm to others or to maintain public order. A widespread ban of the nature that has been imposed goes too far. It needs to be revised and tailored so as to properly target only those activities which can be justified by the Board as likely to lead to harm or disorder.

Rob Maguire, Amnesty International Concordia

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## Senate notes

A regular meeting of University Senate, held September 13, 2002

**Privatized tuition:** Provost Jack Lightstone announced that the government will not claw back the fees of international students in Arts and Science and the John Molson School of Business, as was feared in the spring. Adam Slater (CSU) asked if this would affect accessibility. Dean Martin Singer explained that the international students pay the same fees whether they are privatized or not; the difference is that the university keeps the total and does not claim them for the operating grant.

**Academic amnesty:** Ralph Lee (CSU) proposed a motion to provide amnesty for students who want to observe a student strike Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 to protest a Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting. Harvey Shulman (Arts and Science) observed that such a blanket policy unfairly includes students who might not agree with these views. Lightstone suggested that instead, he could issue a letter to the deans, to be circulated to faculty, recommending flexibility for student strikers wherever possible. Lee accordingly withdrew his motion, and was thanked for his flexibility by Singer.

**Sept. 9 disturbance:** Rector Frederick Lowy said that the violence of Sept. 9 had "led to further polarization, disruption, anxiety, inconvenience, destruction of property and the cancellation of a speaker.... It has certainly contributed to our notoriety, and our image as a hotbed of strife. It will have an impact on fundraising. Some students have withdrawn. Some new faculty have said they regret coming here."

University life has been dominated by the MidEast issue,

yet it only affects a fraction of our 29,000 students, he said. The university's core activity is education, but it had been subverted.

"It's legitimate to ask if [former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu] should have been asked to speak in the Hall Building," he continued. "We can be accused of an error in judgment [and] I'm not going to shy away from questions, but the burden of responsibility lies with the protesters."

Lowy said that the administration will use the university's Code of Rights and Responsibilities to address breaches of conduct, and groups including Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights and Hillel have agreed to low-key meetings. He added that a forum on free speech was held three days after the disturbance which went quite well, although some of the students in the audience were not responsive.

Moreover, Lowy said, a short-term moratorium had been imposed on events likely to inflame opinion on the MidEast controversy. Several speakers from the CSU and the Faculties expressed concern about the moratorium, but the Rector said it will not stifle opinion on the topic altogether, only provide a badly needed cooling-off period.

Slater (CSU) said that he "was shocked that Hillel would invite such a provocative speaker in my name." He added that the university "didn't have the courage to stand up to the Asper Foundation, ... the same guy who has fired journalists for their views" (Izzie Asper, owner of CanWest Global newspapers and TV).

Ellen Jacobs (Arts and Science)

said that student groups had recently invited "two speakers guaranteed to irritate many people," i.e. Netanyahu and pro-Palestinian academic Norman Finkelstein, whose speech was cancelled because of the moratorium.

"Why do students feel the need to operate from such a negative perspective?" Jacobs asked. "Why aren't they looking for solutions, for ways to live together creatively?"

In answer to a question from Lee about the breakdown of security at the Sept. 9 event, Dr. Lowy said, "It is true that there was an assessment that recommended Loyola [as an alternate site for the speech].

"Hillel and the organizers said it would be more difficult for downtown students to attend. [They viewed] the Hall Building as the centre of Middle East activity at Concordia. Therefore, I asked Security what it would take to make it secure. [I was told that] more security people would have to be hired, and we would need the co-operation of police. We did not believe that Concordia students would be capable of that [violence], and we may have been wrong."

The Rector added that the request for the use of the auditorium came from a student group, Hillel, "and we have never refused a student group."

"I've been accused of being far too flexible," he said. "I've been told no other university would have tolerated [such] adversarial acts. I'm guilty of that. I still believe in free speech, especially at a university. The only way to open your mind is to listen, whether you agree or not."

Next meeting: October 4

### Appointments in Human Resources

**C**asper Bloom, Q.C., has been appointed Director, Academic and Employee Relations, in the Department of Human Resources and Employee Relations. Mr. Bloom practised law for more than 30 years with Ogilvy Renault, where he was senior partner for labour and employment law. He also served as Batonnier of Montreal and president of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

**K**imiko Kudo has been appointed Senior Benefits Advisor. She is a Concordia graduate with 10 years' experience in group benefits in the private sector.

**E**rnest Haigh has been appointed Manager, Pension Services. He has been at Concordia for eight years.

**H**arold Murphy is the new Manager, Compensation and Benefits. He joined Concordia's Department of Human Resources and Employee Relations last fall.

**N**icole Desrochers has completed her contract as Senior Benefits Advisor, and has left Concordia. Executive Director Gilles Bourgeois thanks her for her services to the department and to the university.

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# Extreme behaviour hurts the cause

Those opposed to Netanyahu forced to defend him: history professor

OPINION BY DR. FRANK CHALK,  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The approach taken at Concordia University by some students and student groups to prevent Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking on Sept. 9 smacked of vigilante action and mob justice.

The protesters forced me and other advocates of negotiating with the Palestinians a two-state solution and withdrawal of settlements from the West Bank and Gaza to defend the right to speak at Concordia of a politician whose policies we abhor.

It is good to see students at Concordia involved in contemporary political issues. A number of the students who protested Netanyahu's talk respected the principles of peaceful protest and were seen restraining their colleagues from physical assaults.

But Concordia students should be aware that a few among them take only one or two courses a year so they can participate in student organizations, earn salaries for their campus activities, and spread their views. For these individuals, disruption of education at Concordia and the commercial fabric of the city of Montreal is just fine. They don't believe in formal education — it just reinforces the global capitalist system.

These students reject dialogue on political issues and refuse to tolerate views different from their own. They use open forums to divert attention from the advertised subject to their own shrill agenda. Theirs is the path of disruptions, intimidation, polarization and violence. They trample on the Latin origin of the word "university," *universitas*, meaning the whole world, by seeking to shrink the focus of the life of the university to their own narrow

view of the top issue of the moment.

In passing legislation permitting student associations to gain accreditation, Quebec clearly defined a student association as "an organization whose main purposes are to represent students or student associations, and to promote their interests, particularly respecting teaching, educational methods, student services, and the administration of the educational institution."

Are Concordia students aware that under the bylaws of the Concordia Student Union any student at Concordia interested in determining if spending by the Student Union respects these priorities has the right during normal office hours to visit the office of the Student Union and request the details regarding "receipts and disbursements of the Student Union and the matters to which each of them relates, as well as details of its financial transactions and its credits and liabilities"?

With a former Student Union vice-president accused of having defrauded the CSU of \$196,000, and the decision of the CSU to pay the legal expenses of students and non-students arrested during the riotous behaviour of September 9, this may be an important period for careful scrutiny of the books.

## Restoring orderly discourse

Where do we go from here? What can we do at Concordia to restore the civility and orderly discourse which befits a university?

The intruders committed a serious strategic error. By their aggressive actions, they advanced Benjamin Netanyahu's campaign to return to the leadership of Israel's Likud party and to occupy the office of the prime minister. By their denial of the right of free speech at Concordia University,

they called into question their own commitment to democracy and human rights. By their blanket assertions that all Zionists are racists and colonialists, they exhibited their own narrow nationalism and its potential prejudices. And by their refusal to engage in peaceful protest within the boundaries of Canadian law they added to the growing number of persons who question the existence of a pragmatic group with whom advocates of peace can co-operate.

I think that the Jewish students who agreed to sponsor Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at Concordia on Sept. 9 made a mistake. They obviously did not choose the time of Netanyahu's visit, but were offered a speaker. Their timing was terrible. Their sense of what was appropriate at the beginning of a new school year, when Concordia needed a period of serious reflection on how to build bridges towards constructive efforts for peaceful debate on the Middle East, was flawed.

In my view, we don't need any more "victories" for either side like Sept. 9's. We need to work out guidelines for dialogue assuring civility and mutual respect, and, once that is accomplished, lift the ban on speakers discussing the Middle East.

A positive next step would be a lecture-dialogue series co-sponsored by Jewish and Palestinian groups, a series featuring a broad range of Israeli and Palestinian speakers examining the legitimate aspirations of Palestinians to emulate the State of Israel in creating their own state and of Israelis wishing to ensure the emergence of a Palestinian state that respects the right of Israel to exist securely and to be a Jewish state. A series like that would show the true face of Concordia University.

## letters to the editor

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### Intimidation in the name of human rights

First, there was the violent suppression of freedom of expression by pro-Palestinian rioters. Then the ridiculous and pathetic resolution passed by the CSU [to pay the legal costs of those arrested]. Whispers, growing ever louder, that Palestinian rioters were not instrumental in their cause but actually destructive in their aims.

The shameful events of Sept. 9 should serve as a wake-up call to all Concordia students and administrators. Those who are concerned about the peace and tranquility on campus being shattered must make their voices heard.

There can be no place for groups who incite violence and spread hatred on campus under the guise of fighting for human rights. This is not an issue of religious affiliation or political beliefs. We are dealing with a group of individuals who have waged war on the very social values which we cherish as a democratic and free society.

The physical damage done to Concordia University property by the riot has already been repaired. The damage done to Concordia's image and reputation as an open and free educational institution, however, will take much time to heal.

The most pathetic part of this ordeal is that those involved with the group actually claimed the appalling train wreck of a protest as a victory. Those who claim violence, intolerance, and intimidation as a victory should have no place on campus and should certainly not benefit from my student union fees.

The protesters may have stopped Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking, but they failed to extinguish the spirit of freedom and the eternal flame of the Torch of Liberty, which we will continue to hold high.

Steven Rosenshein, economics student

### Violence could have been foreseen

I would like to join my colleagues and express my anger about the way the university administration handled the situation surrounding B. Netanyahu's visit on Monday and about the lack of an apology afterwards.

At the end of last week (preceding the event), it was clear to me, and to anybody I talked to, that the event would be accompanied by noisy rallies and probably violence. However, I trusted that the university would be able to guarantee the security of the university community, as promised at the time.

After all, if it was clear to me that violence was likely then it must have been clear to the administration — and the organizers of the event — as well!

As it turned out, the university was entirely unable to provide security and safety. Besides everything that did happen, imagine what could have happened if the evacuation of the Hall Building had resulted in a panic!

In conclusion, an apology seems in order for a promise that was not fulfilled. The event should not have happened, at least not at the busy downtown campus.

Dr. H. Georg Schreckenbach,

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

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We welcome your letters, opinions and comments at BC-121, 1463 Bishop St., by fax (848-2814), or by e-mail (barblak@alcor.concordia.ca) by 9 a.m. on the Friday prior to publication.

### ALUMNI FORUM

#### Moving Forward:

#### The role of our alumni in university issues

Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Oscar Peterson Concert Hall, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W.

The Concordia University Alumni Association executive will host an open forum with Concordia Rector Frederick Lowy and other senior university administrators. Alumni are invited to express their thoughts and ask questions concerning recent events at Concordia, as well as to discuss what positive role alumni can take in university issues.



LOYOLA CAFETERIA REOPENS: Chartwells, the new food services provider, opened renovated cafeteria facilities in the Campus Centre on the Loyola Campus on Sept. 16. Seen cutting the ribbon are Jack MacDonald, CEO of Chartwells Canada; Patricia Posius, Administrator, Vice-Rector Affairs, and Director, Auxiliary Services; and Michael Di Grappa, Vice-Rector, Services.

MONTRÉAL INTER-UNIVERSITY SEMINAR  
HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

## "The Universe has a History"

Hubert Reeves  
(Université de Montréal)

Monday, October 7  
4:15 p.m.

Hall Building, H-920

Canadian-born Hubert Reeves is a specialist in nuclear astrophysics at the Université de Montréal, expert on the origin of the light elements, such as helium, deuterium and lithium. He is a well-known popularizer of science.

# Major CFI grant goes to study on exercise

BY JULIE PARKINS

Professor Robert Boushel believes in the theory that human beings were born to exercise, and he and his colleague Gerald Zavorsky are setting out to prove it with a major grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

"I think we have an opportunity to provide a mechanistic basis for why exercise is healthy and show how we adapt to physical activity," said Boushel. "Emerging science now shows that a lot of chronic degenerative diseases are linked to inflammatory immune responses. It's almost the body's way of saying that if you are inactive and overweight and not eating right, your immune system is likely to respond by attacking you. There is a healthy expression of genes in those who do regular physical activity."

The CFI grant awarded to the two professors in the Department of Exercise Science is for \$379,335, matched by the Quebec government for a total value of \$948,861.

The grant will be used to purchase equipment for the new Science Complex to be opened at Loyola next year, and will be used to help the two researchers study the regulation of blood flow and oxygen transport during exercise, and vascular remodeling with training.

Boushel and Zavorsky will look at the regulation of blood flow and oxygen transport from different angles. Boushel's work will focus more on diseased populations; in particular, vascular adaptations in diabetics, and individuals with heart disease. "We have a major study with scientists from four countries, and it's a broad mechanistic study of vascular and metabolic responses in diabetes," he said. "We will be looking at how blood vessels grow [and] how the inflammatory process in diabetics affects their circulation."

Zavorsky, a former All-Canadian in track and field, will look at these systems from more of a global systemic view of the body.

"I work more from an athletic perspective," he said. "It's really interesting to look at an elite athletic model, because they are the people who are able to stress their lungs more than any other type of person."

"If we use these pieces of equipment to study not only the diseased population but the athletic population, then we can gain a broader understanding of how the cardiovascular system is regulated, and hopefully optimize training programs or better medications or treatments for these people."

## Grant enables purchase of specialized equipment

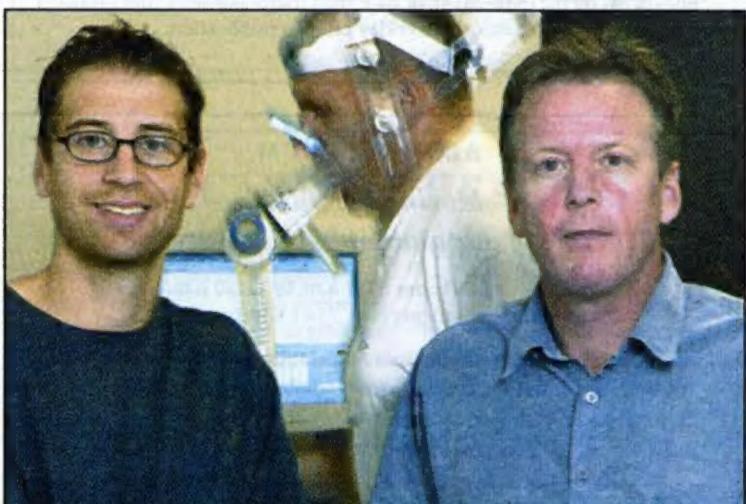
One of the major pieces of equipment that will be purchased with the grant is a Doppler ultrasound that will allow researchers to look at blood flow all over the body. It will also allow them to quantify blood flow during every heartbeat in both active muscle and inactive muscle.

"[The Doppler] will help us to an understanding of how blood flow from the large arteries is distributed to the level of micro circulation," Zavorsky said.

Boushel added, "This grant was absolutely vital because we don't have labs here. This will allow us to be unique in Canada in terms of looking at systemic circulation and how that's regulated from the level of the heart down to the capillaries. I think the equipment we got will set us up to do some quite unique work in Canada."

Perhaps most importantly, the equipment purchased with this grant will enable more researchers at Concordia to be trained at using this equipment, which could have far-reaching effects later down the road.

"The CFI invests in us so that we can train other students, so they can become researchers in the future," Zavorsky said.



The Department of Exercise Science's Gerald Zavorsky and Robert Boushel

# In the heyday of cold fusion

Bart Simon's underground adventure with clandestine scientists

BY JAMES MARTIN

Bart Simon almost took one on the chin in the name of ethnographic study. During lunch at an Italian science conference, someone helpfully mentioned that nearby scientists were planning to escort Simon outside — and feed him a knuckle sandwich for dessert. Spontaneous peace talks ensued, and fisticuffs were narrowly prevented.

Welcome to the weird world of cold fusion.

Dr. Simon's new book, *Undead Science: Science Studies and the Afterlife of Cold Fusion* (forthcoming in November from Rutgers University Press), expands his PhD dissertation about "one of the most famous scientific controversies of the last century." However, adds the assistant professor of sociology, "I think I've got a different kind of story to tell about it."

In 1989, Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann claimed discovery of an amazing electrochemical process producing more energy than it used — what Simon sums up as "nuclear fusion in a test tube."

Within months, the mainstream scientific community dismissed this potentially revolutionary new energy source as utterly groundless. Cold fusion all but dropped off the scientific radar, lingering only as a cautionary tale told in ethics classes.

"It's like the Enron of science," said Simon of the mainstream take on cold fusion's brief heyday, "but with a happier ending, because science only wasted a summer before weeding these guys out." This so-called ending was, however, just the beginning: the death of cold fusion was when things started getting really interesting.

## Secretive science

Simon's study moves past the usual headlines and into the closely-knit international underground of researchers continuing to conduct cold fusion experiments.

Some members are respected scientists whose taboo pursuits court ostracism; others are "entrepreneur inventors" with little to no scientific credentials. Some experiments are conducted late at night in borrowed laboratories; others are literally done in garages.

Details may differ dramatically from case to case, but cold



Sociologist Bart Simon investigated scientists in an unwelcoming world.

fusion enthusiasts have one thing in common: buoyed by a handful of successful copycat experiments, they passionately believe the claims of Pons and Fleischmann warrant further research.

"The story wouldn't be that exciting if it was just about these two guys saying they're right until the day they die," Simon explained. "From a sociological

## Cold fusion is one of the most famous scientific controversies of the last century. Things were just getting started.

point of view, it only becomes interesting because there's a whole bunch of people who maintain a level of research in spite of mainstream rejection of what they do — and it takes a social group to do that."

*Undead Science* examines how this group sustains a research program despite being denied access to traditional modes of interaction. During the early days of the underground, for example, researchers traded results via the then-nascent Internet, in lieu of publishing papers in traditional scientific journals.

Of particular interest to Simon is how various resources, such as money, equipment, labour, plus less tangible elements, such as paranoia and professional legitimacy, help a subterranean community exist in an unwelcoming world.

It's always challenging for an ethnographer to gain acceptance within such a community, and the cold fusion underground is no exception. At cold fusion conferences, unfamiliar faces are often pegged as undercover CIA operatives. Or, even worse, as reporters. Fortunately for Simon, the researchers "are also guys who really want to tell

their story."

While completing PhD studies at the University of California, San Diego, Simon fulfilled his "Laboratory Life Studies" requirement by working as a research assistant in a semi-clandestine cold fusion laboratory.

Although the lab was an open campus secret, its subject's reputation nevertheless meant "no graduate student would touch cold fusion with a ten-foot pole, because it would ruin their careers" — leaving Simon ample opportunity to gain firsthand experience in cold fusion research.

He wasn't at the lab long enough to see any results, but his tenure did gain him access into the guarded community. By the time he completed *Undead Science*, he'd interviewed dozens of key players in the cold fusion underground.

Which isn't to say his inquiries were always welcome. Of particular contention was the book's title (which referred to cold fusion research's "state of being alive in a semi-legitimate underground"), often misinterpreted or mistranslated as "dead science," giving some researchers the incorrect impression Simon was out to do a hatchet job on their field.

"As a sociologist, it doesn't matter whether I think cold fusion is real. What matters is whether they think there's something there. But they're human beings, and they can get emotional about their subject. And, as their work gets better and better within the community, the sense that they've been wronged increases."

"So sometimes, as with the Italian scientists who wanted to beat me up, what matters is what they think I think."

# Lost works by Anne Savage now belong to Concordia

BY SUSAN FONT

Anne Savage was just 27 when she became the art teacher at Baron Byng High School on St. Urbain St., and right from the outset, she wanted to help her students to value art in their daily life.

She did it by inspiring them to sketch and paint freely, and by bringing art into the classroom. She was daring and different, especially in 1922, and she became one of Canada's most prominent female artists and a legendary teacher.

## Students became art educators

When Professor Emerita Leah Sherman looks at Savage's paintings, recently displayed in the Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery, she's looking back in time.

Sherman was one of those dazzled students who went on to make art education her career.

Artist Alfred Pinsky, who, with Sherman, founded what became the Faculty of Fine Arts and was its first dean, was another former student.

In Savage's own work (right), movement is captured in the



Anne Savage at work (above). At right, *Indian Fur Traders* (c. 1930).



rounded shapes that flow into each other in a rhythmic, dynamic composition. She was strongly influenced by the Group of Seven, now icons of Canadian nationalism because of their distinctive aesthetic, especially of landscape painting.

The young teacher brightened up the drab library of what was then a new building by painting a series of large murals, each depicting an element of Canadian history. Three of the murals went into storage when the school closed in 1980. (The former Baron Byng now houses the offices of Sun Youth.)

Sherman appealed to the PSBGM Cultural Heritage Foundation and asked that they be donated to Concordia. It took 20 years of negotiation, but the murals, including one particularly beautiful native scene in rich umber and sienna, are now part of the Ellen Gallery's permanent collection.

## New director of Hexagram welcomes more partners on board

*Not-for-profit institutes and industry join in the Concordia-UQAM artistic endeavour*

BY FRANK KUIN

**H**exagram, the brand new Institute for Research and Creation in Media Arts and Technologies created jointly by Concordia and the Université du Québec à Montréal, has formally indicated it is in business by announcing its first partnerships with industry players in the world of digital media.

In addition, new funding partners have been signed up, including Quebec's Fonds de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC), which is contributing \$1.3 million. Economic Development Canada, a federal agency, will contribute \$2.8 million, bringing the total amount invested so far in Hexagram to about \$30 million.

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University's Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology (CIRMMT), which should strengthen Hexagram's music component. Other partners include Sun Life Financial and the Daniel Langlois Foundation for Art, Science and Technology.

At a flashy press conference in Montreal this week, Daniel Lamarre, chairman of the board of Hexagram, said the institute has signed new contracts with almost a dozen companies and non-profit organizations. These will jointly pursue or fund Hexagram's research projects in creative media applications.

"Hexagram will achieve an

international reputation within a matter of years," Lamarre predicted, praising the institute's growth. Hexagram, which is autonomous from the founding universities, was created late last year.

## Partnerships in creation

Among Hexagram's first partners include Quebec's Big Films Inc. and the Giant Screen Consortium, who will join forces with Hexagram's researchers in improving technology for three-dimensional images on the giant movie screen.

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Bargar, an American composer and producer specializing in applied technology, joined Hexagram this summer, moving to Montreal from Chicago.

"Hexagram is unlike any other research institute in North America," Bargar said. It will strive to bring together artist-researchers, academics and industry. It should be "the missing link between the creative world and the industrial world."



Robin Bargar, new president of Hexagram

Indeed, the institute plans to become a conduit for creative ideas in digital media, ranging from virtual 3-D characters to fabrics with computerized sensors that can be applied in business tools.

Hexagram's artist-researchers — 60 professionals and 250 graduate students, many of them Concordians — are actively engaged in

such creative experiments with digital technology. But while collaborations between universities and industry in fields such as sciences and engineering are common, ideas from the arts don't flow easily to the industrial world.

Unjustly so, according to Bargar: "Artists create many other things when they also create their art works with technology," he

said. "They create a deep understanding of how the technology functions.

"We need to be able to communicate clearly to industry the value of this knowledge, and how the Quebec economy will be able to use that talent for art creation. Our job is to help industries make those discoveries."

By providing an "integration environment" for industry and academics to build and exchange "applied creative knowledge," Hexagram is trying to "invent a kind of culture," Bargar added.

## New research centre

Hexagram plans to undertake research projects in collaboration with industry on a basis of conventional sponsored research as well as joint ventures. Part of the funding Hexagram has received will be used to pay for a research centre within Concordia's new building for engineering/computer science and the visual arts.

In fact, Bargar sees added potential in the combination of the two Faculties under one roof. Back in Illinois, he was involved in creating joint courses between the Art Institute of Chicago and DePaul University, a strong engineering school. "I could see that emerging at Concordia," he said. "I'm personally very interested in that, and I think Hexagram may help show the way."

# Part-time faculty across the continent walk the walk

*Coalition of Contingent Academic Labour to hold a conference at Concordia from October 6 to 8*

BY CAROL MCQUEEN

**M**ore than 200 part-time faculty members from across Quebec, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico will be on campus the weekend of October 4-6 for the fifth conference of the Coalition of Contingent Academic Labour (COCAL).

According to 1998 figures from Statistics Canada, contingent academic labour — part-time faculty members who do not hold tenured positions — constitute about 40 to 45 per cent of the total teaching staff of universities across Canada.

This is a chance to take stock of the gains made in recent years in terms of increased salary and respect, and brainstorm on how to tackle remaining inequities, including lack of job security.

Maria Peluso, president of CUPFA, the Concordia University Part-time Faculty Association, describes the salary divide in stark terms: "It's cost-efficient for universities to have part-time faculty. We cost 30 cents per faculty dollar."

Such inequity is felt most severely by those academics for

whom part-time university teaching is their only source of income. They earn approximately \$6,000 per course at Concordia, with no pay between contracts. It creates a vicious circle for many part-timers.

"When you're trying to earn an income, it's too difficult to do research," said Angela Ford-Rosenthal, who has taught courses in sociology since 1987. Not being paid during the summer also severely restricts her research opportunities, and without research publications, it's almost impossible to gain access to tenure-track positions. Often, part-timers work at more than one university or CEGEP to make up the shortfall.

#### Improvement in recent years

Conditions for part-time faculty members were even worse only a few years ago, but Quebec's strong tradition of unionization has brought important gains for part-timers across the province. This includes Concordia, which has CUPFA and the Concordia University Continuing Education Part-time Faculty Union (CUCEPTFU).

"Conditions have been much, much better since the collective agreement [negotiated by CUPFA in 1997] has been in place," said June Riley, a part-time finance professor for the past 14 years. "It's been a transformation in the way we've been treated at Concordia."

Not only were pay rates increased, but part-time faculty members now enjoy a seniority system. Those with 90 credits are allowed to teach up to 18 credits a year, or six courses, for a total of about \$36,000. They also gained some benefits and some integration into decision-making bodies at the university.

This improvement in working conditions is one of the reasons the predominantly American COCAL voted to have the conference outside U.S. borders for the first time.

"The American members of COCAL have always looked to Canada as an example because we have much better labour laws," said Vicki Smallman, co-organizer for the conference for the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). "It's easier for us to unionize, and we

have a much greater percentage of academic staff in Canada represented by certified unions."

Since almost all of the part-time faculty unions in the Montreal area, including those at Concordia, are renegotiating their collective agreements this fall, Brenda Grant, president of CUCEPTFU, said that the conference is also a way to "raise our profile, let people know who we are." Thus, on the Friday afternoon of the conference, a "mobilization walk" will take place from Concordia to the Université de Québec à Montréal.

What bothers the Music Department part-timer Louise Samson is that she has less time to play the piano in public concerts because she is "just trying to survive" financially. If she were to fall ill, she would only be covered to 80 per cent of her pay for the rest of her contract. "What do you do after that?" she asked.

Pierre Ouellet, vice-president of CUPFA and part-timer in the Political Science Department since 1992, knows he is one of the lucky ones in terms of seniority vis-à-vis other part-time faculty, but he still has no idea as to

whether or not he'll get a course from one term to the next.

David Vivian, who has taught in the Theatre Department since 1996, finds it difficult to meet with students when he must share an office with 18 other part-time faculty members. He also worries about the low level of part-time faculty representation on university bodies when part-timers at Concordia number nearly 900 people.

"We only have two representatives in Senate, and no one there for us from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, or from the John Molson School of Business," he said. "On the Board of Governors, we have one representative, and he is there only as an observer."

June Riley, of the Finance Department, probably speaks for all part-time faculty members at Concordia when she says "there is always more work to do." The COCAL V conference, with its thematic title *It's time for a new deal*, is where they intend to start.

For more information about the COCAL V conference and how to register for it, please see <http://www.cupfa.org/COCALV/>.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS THE HIV/AIDS LECTURE SERIES 2002-2003

## "Crisis and Response in African-American Communities"

Debra Fraser-Howze, National Black Leadership Commissions on AIDS  
Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m.  
Hall Building, H-110

Ms. Fraser-Howze is president of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (BCLA), based in New York City. She was appointed by then U.S. president Bill Clinton in 1995, to his Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

## Montreal Matters

A month-long multi-media forum by CBC Radio 88.5, with Hour magazine, Concordia University, CBC Television and CBC.CA.

Money and the Soul's Desires: A Meditation  
Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.  
J.A. Desève Cinema, 1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W.

Author Stephen Jenkinson explores the way we view money and relationships.

[cbc.ca/montrealmatters](http://cbc.ca/montrealmatters)

## Jump into the pool, the water's fine

*Academic Hearing Panels delayed for lack of faculty members*

**A**t University Senate on Sept. 13, General Counsel Bram Freedman tabled the Academic Hearing Panel annual report and made an appeal of his own for faculty members to join the pool.

The student pool is full, said Freedman, but at last count, six hearings are being delayed for lack of faculty representatives on the tribunals.

The hearings are into cases of academic misconduct and/or re-evaluation appeals.

Panels for academic misconduct cases are convened when a student requests a full hearing. The panels are made up of three faculty members and two students.

Panels are usually held at 5 or

5:30 p.m., and on average, they last about 60 to 90 minutes. Panel members are expected to read the documentation sent to them about one week before the hearing. This consists of the incident report, the decision letter of the dean or delegate, and any evidence the parties wish to produce.

A non-voting chair presides over the hearing, and the secretary of the panel writes up the decision for the panel's approval. On the day of the hearing, panel members listen to both parties and then deliberate privately regarding the charge and the sanction.

The re-evaluation panels are composed of two faculty mem-

bers and one student. They review only the written record when a student is unsatisfied with the result of his re-evaluation. Re-evaluation appeals occur quite rarely, usually one per semester. They are usually held during the day.

Danielle Tessier, of the University Secretariat, said, "The larger the pool of available members, the fewer panels an individual will have to sit on. In any event, members of the tribunal pool are under no obligation to sit on a panel if it is inconvenient."

"All faculty members who are willing to be part of the pool and participate in hearings will have my everlasting gratitude," she added.

## ACADEMIC HEARING PANEL REPORT FOR JUNE 1, 2001 - AUGUST 31, 2002

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 69 of the Code of Conduct (Academic), this report is submitted to the September meeting of Senate and will be published in the University's newspaper.

Senate approved modifications to the Code at meetings held in September and November 2001. In January 2002, the Office of the Board of Governors and Senate (now part of the University

Secretariat) assumed the administrative responsibility for the record keeping of all incident reports as well as the coordination of Academic Hearing Panels.

There were a total 254 Incident Reports filed during the time period covered by this report. The specific breakdown, by Faculty, may be found in Table A.

During this period, a total of 25 Academic Hearing Panels (AHP) were

conducted. An additional 16 hearings are currently pending and will be conducted during the months of September and October 2002.

There were six requests for permission to appeal decisions of an AHP filed during the year. Permission for an Appeal Panel was not granted in any of the cases.

— University Secretariat

Table A: Number and Disposition of Incident Reports received by Faculty Offices

FACULTY	DISMISSED	UPHELD	SENT DIRECTLY TO HEARING	PENDING	TOTAL
Arts and Science	21	113	3	4	141
Engineering and Computer Science	21	33	1	3	58
Fine Arts	1	10	0	0	11
John Molson School of Business	10	28	0	2	40
School of Graduate Studies	0	2	0	2	4
Total	53	186	4	11	254

# Finalists at Forces Avenir

Two projects by Concordia students have been nominated for awards by Forces Avenir, a non-profit organization that encourages contributions to the community by Quebec university students. Grants totalling \$115,000 and internships in far-flung countries will be awarded to the winners at a gala on Oct. 10.

## Bookmobile is activist art in motion

BY JAY POULTON

Since 2001, Project Mobilivre and its dedicated group of volunteers (pictured at right) have travelled across the United States and Canada in their vintage Silver Airstream trailer, promoting and displaying the works of artists, activists, and writers to a variety of communities.

Project Mobilivre travels with a selection of books in three basic categories, said Leila Pourtavaf, a member of the Mobilivre team. "We have artists' books that challenge the concept of a book. We

also have zines [magazines], which vary widely in content and style, and independent publications that are put out by small publishers."

The books vary in content, but are tied together by the idea of expression free from the constraints of larger publishing companies that would not usually print activist books and newsletters.

"The books we display are not things you will find at Chapters. We had an older woman complain about some books being too sexual in nature, but she spent

almost two hours looking at them."

Pourtavaf said the group works with community centres, libraries, schools, and gives workshops to give visitors hands-on experience in creating book art and zines. The project travels with a library of about 400 works, changing each year.

They offer the communities they visit a diverse selection of works that they would not normally find in mainstream media. This dedication to promoting a free exchange of ideas has lead to Project Mobilivre being named as



a Forces Avenir finalist. A grant from Forces Avenir would be welcome, because Mobilivre must rely on donations from private and public sponsors.

"Funding is always an issue," Pourtavaf said. "Basically, we have no funding. A lot of the donations come from people who visit the exhibit. Last year our van broke down and we had to cancel the tour. This year, because of fundraising, we have a better van."

Despite the occasional technical problem, the response has been very positive. "Some cities are better than others. It depends on the promotions that we get, because we set up with the community groups before going into each city so people already know about us and where we will be."

The Project Mobilivre trailer is currently touring in the United States, but will be arriving in Montreal at the Concordia campuses on Oct. 15 and 16.

## Internship led to work with depressed youth

BY NORA GOMBOS

Group Creative Arts Therapies was created by two Concordia students to help depressed adolescents, and their outstanding work has not gone unnoticed.

Children's Hospital, where the project was carried out, and Bonnie Harnden, a professor in the Creative Arts Therapies Program at Concordia.

Scott and Rosales started their project last October during their internship at the Montreal Children's Hospital, when they worked with depressed adolescents aged 14 to 17 at risk of suicide. The young people were referred to the project by Dr. Greenfield.

"We spend the first few sessions assessing their disorder and individual issues," Scott explained, "and then use the modalities of art and drama as a jumping-off point for them to gain insight and to begin the healing process."

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therapy as a psychotherapeutic treatment. As it doesn't rely on verbal communication, it enables patients to express individual issues and feelings they are reluctant to talk about, or unable to put into words. Used in a group setting, it also allows them to see the "universality of their predicament" by witnessing other young people facing the same challenges, according to Scott.

Despite the growing literature demonstrating the positive outcomes of creative arts therapy, it is not yet a widespread form of treatment. Concordia is currently the only university in Canada that offers a master's-level program. By combining a strong clinical component with artistic disciplines, Concordia has earned one of the best reputations in North America for its research in this field.

Because depression is one of the most prevalent disorders in adolescence, Scott and Rosales hope to do more work in the field. They want to take it to schools and mental health facilities, and if possible, conduct workshops, to reach a wider range of people.

"Certainly, any money received in the Forces Avenir competition would go towards those ends," Rosales said.

## Revitalization of Political Science

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The overhaul started with the formulation of a new curriculum, centered on the core areas of international relations and comparative politics.

Within those areas, the department began hiring young scholars, bringing the full-time faculty back up to 19 today. It did so before other schools were widely advertising positions, so that Concordia had the luxury of being able to "pick and choose," Tremblay said.

Crucially, it was decided to open the department's doors to new faculty members of many methodological persuasions, and to fill in the core areas with sub-specializations.

For instance, within the area of international relations, the department has specialists in international human security, the theory of war, globalization and regional integration, and international organizations.

"The blend between different approaches is one of our strengths," Tremblay said. "We feel that we now have one of the strongest international relations departments."

Another strength is the popular MA program in Public Policy and Public Administration, with its option to complete an internship with the federal government. About 90 per cent of interns end up getting jobs, Tremblay said.

"If you go to the federal government, you'll find students from our program in almost every department."

Now, the research-oriented faculty is interested in adding a PhD program. Its creation will be Tremblay's main objective once the faculty has been boosted to 23 or 24 members, hopefully by next year.

Meanwhile, students keep coming in ever-increasing numbers. Since the 1996-97 academic year, program students in Political Science have increased steadily from just under 1,000 to more than 1,300 this year.

Tremblay thinks students' attraction to political science has to do with a movement away from very specialized knowledge. "Political science offers methodological rigour, and also addresses the issues which pertain to everyday life."



Ron Scott and Allan Rosales

Ron Scott, 25, and Allan Rosales, 28, have been selected as two of the finalists for the Health Avenir Award, and the winners will be announced at the 4th edition of the Forces Avenir Gala, which will be held on Oct. 10 at the Bonsecours Market in Old Montreal. "We are honoured," Rosales said.

Their project was an independent endeavour, but they say they couldn't have done it without the supervision and support of Dr. Brian Greenfield, at the Montreal

ties of art and drama as a jumping-off point for them to gain insight and to begin the healing process."

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## Science populist Joe Schwarcz to lecture at Concordia

Not many chemists become media stars, but Dr. Joe Schwarcz has become a popular figure on local radio, debunking bogus commercial health

claims and allaying fears of ubiquitous toxins.

He will give a public talk on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the DeSève Cinema as part of the Chemistry

and Biochemistry Graduate Research Conference. For more information, go to [http://artsandscience.concordia.ca/chem/grad\\_conference/index.htm](http://artsandscience.concordia.ca/chem/grad_conference/index.htm)

## Future issues of the Thursday Report

CTR is published every two weeks during the academic season. Future publication dates are Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Feb. 27, Mar. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 10, Apr. 24, May 8, May 22, and June 5.

# Fighting words on academic jargon: Lahey lecture

Academics are often denounced for using jargon but it is not necessarily bad, says Margaret Ferguson

BY DANA HEARNE

**B**eware of 'good' English, Renaissance scholar Margaret Ferguson warned a Concordia audience, "because behind it lies a history of imperial expansionism as well as the policy of denouncing academics for their use of jargon."

Ferguson, professor of English at the University of California, Davis, gave the Lahey Lecture this year, an annual event hosted by the English department to pay tribute to the late Gerald Francis Lahey, teacher and former rector of Loyola College.

In her talk, "Cultural Literacy and the Question of Jargon: An Historical Perspective," Ferguson traced the history of the standardization of the English language.

Great pains were taken to root out signs of barbarism in the use of language, by provincials or foreigners for example, and solecisms (violations of the rules of grammar). The purpose was polit-

ical: to control readers who lacked full literacy, for example women, the lower classes and immigrants, and to extend the reach of empire — in this case, the British Empire.

Ferguson linked this form of control to the current tendency of denouncing academics for their use of jargon; bad English, convoluted language, and inaccessibility.

In her view, "jargon" is the pejorative term used by people who may be unwilling or even unable to make the effort required to understand difficult language.

"Jargon is a hot issue," Ferguson said. "We all think we know what that is. We all think it's a bad signifier. But this is not necessarily so."

#### Moral judgment

Ferguson used law and ethics professor Martha Nussbaum's attack on literary critic Judith Butler, a superstar of '90s academia, as an example of the tendency "to project one's irritation with

stylistic difficulty as a negative moral judgment on the author of the text in question."

Nussbaum implies that the use of clear language demonstrates a person's goodness, that philosophy should be a discourse of equals who trade arguments and counter-arguments without any obscurantist sleight of hand, Ferguson said.

Butler fails the goodness test because her language is "ponderous and obscure, dense with allusions to other theorists, drawn from a wide range of theoretical traditions, half of them, in Nussbaum's list, from non-anglophone countries."

Nussbaum praises Scottish philosopher David Hume for his clarity and kindness, in the form of simplicity, towards his readers, but Ferguson argues that this is a misreading of Hume, who, in fact, she suggests, joins Judith Butler, Theodor Adorno, Walter Benjamin and Fredric Jameson, among others, in pointing to the intellectual value of not being too kind to

your readers.

Ferguson refers to Adorno's scorn for what he called the ideologies of "lucidity, objectivity and concise precision;" and to Benjamin's concept of "writing against the grain."

The stylistic ideal of clarity is only partially understood, Ferguson said, if it is associated chiefly with moral qualities such as "kindness" to the reader. We need to ask, Which reader? Born where? How educated? We should be asking why different readers may have different degrees of tolerance for aspects of a text's language that seem alien, foreign, unknown or, at least, hard to know without considerable expenditure of time and energy.

"Is criticism never justified?" asked one member of the audience. "Yes, but it's a transaction," Ferguson responded. "There are different communities of readers all with their own professional jargons. It's a problem to assume some things are good (like

Shakespeare) and others bad (like Derrida). You have to make your case."

Rhetoric works with what the reader understands, she said. We can't just denigrate certain interpretive communities. We have to ask who will understand, and see what the audience picks up. "Judith Butler has a fanzine, for goodness sake!" Discursive communities are not hermetically sealed.

In response to another question, Ferguson said that academics need to reach out to a wider community. Writers should also make an effort within their own discourse to define their terms and to imagine a reader.

Often, however, anti-jargon attacks are convenient displacement strategies for what is in reality an effort to promote a different agenda — even a "national" agenda (as could be the case in the attack by some American feminists against French feminism), or simply an inability to understand the "other" discourse.

## Quebec Black Medical Association rewards Concordia students

**D**ione Watts, a student in the Graduate Diploma in Administration, Health Care Option, was awarded the Janssen Ortho Scholarship at a dinner held in May by the Quebec Black Medical Association.

Dione graduated from Concordia in 1997 with a BComm, majoring in human resource management. She is currently administrative associate in the Department of Nursing at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), where she coordinates administrative functions across five hospital sites; she is also an active community volunteer.

The Quebec Black Medical Association awards more than \$30,000 in awards and scholarships annually, mainly through the efforts of Dr. E.C. Tucker, Association president.

Here are two more Concordia recipients:

Kieron Motley has been Concordia's choice to receive a graduate award for the past three years. He completed an MSc in biology in 1998 at Concordia, and is about to complete a PhD in neuroscience at UQAM. Kieron received the Eli Lilly Award.

Onyenyechukwa Nnorom has completed her second year at Concordia in cell and molecular biology, and is a member of the Garnet Key Society. She was presented with one of two Pfizer scholarships.

## 'Free-speech' protest by student union set for Monday

**S**tudent president Sabine Friesinger may have been the first person to defy the temporary ban on posters, but you could hardly quarrel with the message she taped up for a crowd of reporters last Monday afternoon: "Stop the killing in Israel and Palestine."

The Concordia Student Union (CSU) also plans to protest next Monday in front of Bishop Court, the administration building, against a cooling-off period imposed by the university in the wake of a disturbance on Sept. 9, when former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu was pre-

vented from speaking in the Hall Building by protesters.

On Sept. 11, the CSU formally resolved to pay the legal costs of those arrested in the brouhaha, which saw windows broken, ticket-holders for the speech harassed, the building evacuated and the police challenged.

## letters to the editor

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### CSU executive denounces cooling-off period

*The following is an open letter to Rector Frederick Lowy:*

**O**n Wednesday, Sept. 18, the Board of Governors passed a number of resolutions that are both unnecessary and inflammatory. As we understand them the motions can be summarized as such.

- 1) A ban on tabling for all clubs in the mezzanine and the lobby.
- 2) A continued ban on pamphlets, posters, discussions etc. on the Israel/ Palestine conflict.
- 3) The board gave you the ability to bypass the code of rights and responsibilities in expelling students.

The first motion will hurt all students and especially their clubs. Students pay to attend classes at Concordia; however, they also expect to take part in activities outside of the classroom. This ban will reduce the ability of clubs to inform others about their projects.

We also wonder whether this motion was in any way political opportunism. Two years ago the administration tried to ban tables in the lobby and this summer a planned food court on the mezzanine was postponed as a result of student pressure. It would be wrong and shameful to exploit the events of Sept. 9 to move ahead with these plans. After all, if they are a fire hazard today they have always been one (BoG's reason).

Second, a long-term ban on discussing the Israel/Palestine conflict is absurd. After the cancellation of the Netanyahu talk you spoke out as a defender of free speech, while at BoG you argued for this ban on freedom of expression. Where's your consistency?

Moreover, what is the point of a university if we cannot discuss the important political issues of the day? This will only

put fuel on the fire. Furthermore, we feel this ban goes against the spirit of the discussions we had with you after Sept. 9 where you implied the moratorium would only be short-term.

Lastly, why did you ask the Board for special powers to circumvent the code of rights and responsibilities? The code is the mechanism the university decided upon to hear cases against students. Furthermore, after last year you should be aware of the ramifications of circumventing proper process. It is somewhat authoritarian for one person to have this amount of power over students.

In sum, these motions will only further inflame the campus. Why is it that you claim to want to diffuse our campus yet continue to act in a manner which will only further inflame it?

Concordia Student Union

THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRESENTS

## New York, Capital of the Twentieth Century

Mark Kingwell, University of Toronto

Thursday, October 3, 5:30 p.m.

Atrium, Bronfman Building, 1259 Dr. Penfield Ave.

Mark Kingwell is a well-known speaker on cultural and political issues, and has written for *Saturday Night*, *Shift* and *Descant*. He is the author of *Better Living: In Pursuit of Happiness from Plato to Prozac*, and *Dreams of a Millennium: Report from a Culture on the Brink*. He has taught at Yale, York University and the University of Toronto at Scarborough, where he is currently associate professor of philosophy.

# Stinger athletes on the go

BY JOHN AUSTEN

Ben Ouimet, of the Stingers football team, and Marie-Claude Allard, of the women's soccer squad, have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week.

Ouimet, a fifth-year running-back, collected 99 yards on three receptions and scored a touchdown in his team's 37-19 loss to the Acadia Axemen. A native of Joliette, he is an Arts student at Concordia.

Allard, a fifth-year forward, scored all three goals in her team's 3-3 tie with the Bishop Gaiters. Allard, 23, might be the first Stinger female athlete to have recorded a hat trick in two sports. Last year, she was named to the first team All-Canadian list in women's hockey. The Quebec City native is majoring in psychology.

## Hall of Fame

It's still not too late to get your choices in for the Concordia Sports Hall of Fame. Nominations will be accepted until Oct. 12 in the following categories: athlete, builder and team.

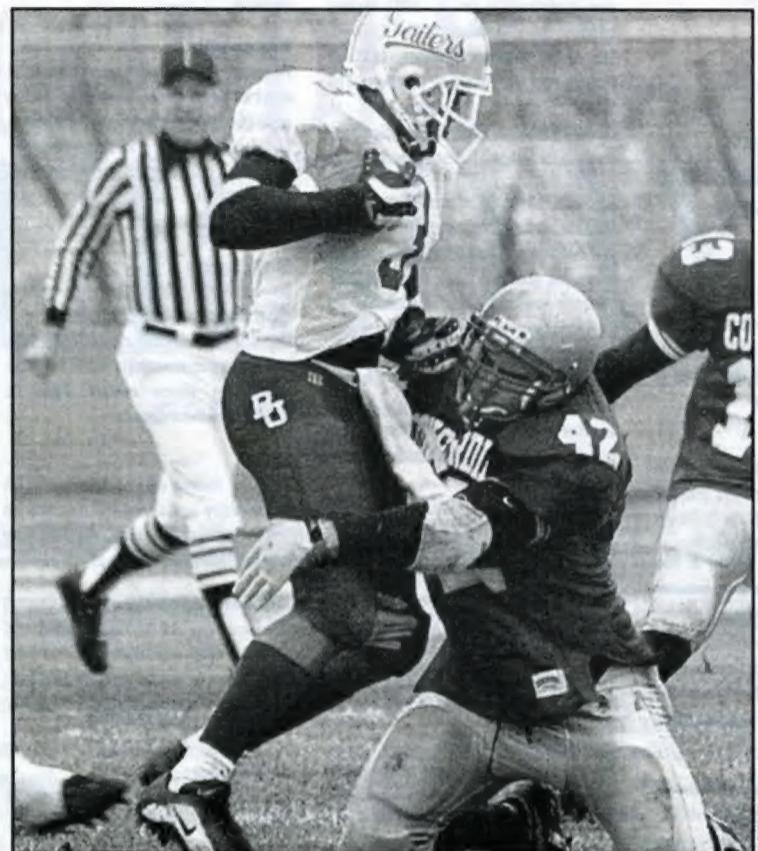
The awards represent individuals and teams for outstanding achievement while at Concordia, Sir George Williams University or Loyola College.

## Alumni jocks organize

Attention former Concordia varsity athletes! The Alumni Association has just formed the Varsity Athlete Chapter, a group designed to meet the needs of former athletes.

The chapter, run jointly by the department of recreation and athletics and the Alumni Relations office, will endeavour to preserve and celebrate the history of the Sir George Williams Georgians, the Loyola Warriors and Concordia Stingers.

The chapter's first official event will be a welcome reception Oct. 4 at Loyola High School on Sherbrooke St. W. A wine and cheese social will welcome back



The fall season is well underway for the Stingers.

all former varsity athletes. For information, call Paul Chesser at 848-4856.

## Healy takes Calgary job

Julie Healy has left the recreation and athletics department to take a job in Calgary with the Canadian Hockey Association, as Director of Female Programs.

The graduate of bio-physical education leaves after 16 years of service in which she held various positions, including assistant women's hockey coach, facilities co-ordinator and, more recently, intercollegiate co-ordinator and budget and administration manager.

Healy's new job will see her overseeing the country's high performance and developmental women's team programs.

## Time to "kill" McGill?

The 16th annual Shrine Bowl and Homecoming football game will take place Oct. 5 at Concordia Stadium when the McGill Redmen visit the Stingers at 1 p.m. The game will also serve

as the Shaughnessy Cup contest.

The Stingers sit in third place with two wins and two losses going into this weekend's game at Bishop's. McGill and Laval are tied for top spot with identical 3-1 records.

The Varsity Athletic Chapter will host a barbecue before the McGill/Concordia matchup in the Homecoming tent next to the stadium. Sixteen teams celebrating special anniversaries of league championships will be honoured.

## Soccer teams split

The Stingers women's soccer team fell just short, losing 2-1 to Laval last Sunday. The men got a little revenge, however, when they dumped Laval 1-0 in the second game.

Both Concordia teams travel to McGill on Friday with the women kicking off at 6:30 p.m., followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, UQAM comes to Concordia. The women's game is at 1 p.m., with the men taking the field at 3 p.m.

## WRITERS READ @ CONCORDIA

PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND THE CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Don McKay and Jan Zwicky  
Monday, Oct. 7, 8:30 pm, Hall Building

Don McKay, the author of nine books of poetry, has won the Governor-General's Award twice, for *Another Gravity* (McClelland & Stewart, 2000) and for *Night Field* (1991). His most recent publication is a collection of essays, *Vis à Vis: Fieldnotes on Poetry & Wilderness* (Gaspereau Press, 2001). McKay has taught English at the University of Western Ontario and acted as director of creative writing at the University of New Brunswick, where he served as editor for *The Fiddlehead*. He now lives in Victoria.

Jan Zwicky won the Governor-General's Award in 1999 for her poetry collection *Songs for Relinquishing the Earth* (Brick, 1998). The author of *Lyric Philosophy*, *Wittgenstein Elegies*, and *The New Room*, she recently edited and contributed to *Why I Sing the Blues: Lyrics and Poems* (Smoking Lung Press, 2001). She teaches in the Philosophy Department at the University of Victoria.

## STINGERS FOOTBALL UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1 pm  
Concordia @ Bishop's

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1 pm  
Concordia vs. McGill  
(Homecoming)

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1 pm  
Concordia vs. Laval

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2 pm  
Concordia @ Saint Mary's

Visit the Stingers Web site at  
[www.concordia.ca/stingers](http://www.concordia.ca/stingers)

# An eye on new facilities

Serving student athletes is the priority: Lawton

BY JOHN AUSTEN

Working 12-hour days, often seven days a week, doesn't bother Les Lawton. In fact, he thrives on it.

Concordia's interim director of recreation and athletics stepped in last year when Harry Zarins left. He's also in his 21st year of coaching the women's hockey team at Concordia. His .700 winning percentage makes him the winningest coach in the history of Canadian women's hockey.

"It's certainly a challenge to do both jobs well, but I love it and I'm up to the challenge," Lawton told the *Thursday Report*. "It's a little overwhelming at times, but we have a great staff that makes the job easier."

A Future Search committee of between 50 and 70 people will evaluate the needs and wants of the department before naming a full-time director of recreation and athletics next spring.

Lawton was asked if he wants the job. "I will do the best I can, and if the committee is satisfied then we'll talk about it," he replied. "I really don't want to have to give up my coaching, though."

"Our job is to serve the athletes at both the varsity and recreational levels," he continued. "We have to do the little things right and offer good service to make up for our lack of facilities."

"[The Loyola Athletics Complex] may have been state-of-the-art when it was first built, but it has become antiquated. We serve 12 times as many students at the university now. That's why we are in the process of updating the facilities."

## Improvements at Loyola

More than \$12 million has been earmarked for improvements to the complex and its surrounding fields. Plans include a double gymnasium, pool and fitness area, plus an artificial turf and new lights for the football field.

"All this has been discussed for a while," Lawton said. "The football surface and lights will be in place for next spring and hopefully everything else will be completed within five years."

"Right now we just have to do the best with what we have," he continued. "I think there are some people who don't take our department as seriously as they should. We're not just fun and games here. We have serious student athletes. They represent the colours of the school with pride."

Lawton's short-term goals include getting the students and surrounding community more involved in supporting the varsity athletes.

"We'll have some very competitive teams this fall and winter, so it would be nice to have lots of fans in the stands," he said. "It's funny. We'll get more than 2,000 to come out and watch a football game but not all that many of them are Concordia students. We'll have to find ways to get the student body out."

## HOMECOMING 2002

This year's Homecoming is bigger and better than ever. Come out and join fellow alumni, current students, and the university community at this annual event!

Thursday, Oct. 3

CUAA Alumni Recognition Awards Banquet, Delta Centre-Ville, 777 University St. Hosted this year by alum John Moore (CJAD/MIX 96).

Friday, Oct. 4

Class of 1977 25th Anniversary Cocktail, Faculty Club, Loyola Campus • CUAA Varsity Athlete Chapter launch cocktail, Loyola High School • Retro Replay rock 'n' roll dance, Guadagni Lounge, Loyola Campus

Saturday, Oct. 5

Homecoming Cup Football Game: Concordia Stingers vs McGill Redmen (Shrine Bowl and Shaughnessy Cup), football stadium, Loyola Campus • Rector's Reunion Dinner, Club St. Denis

Sunday, Oct. 6

Concordia Multi-Faith Chaplaincy, blessing of the new academic year, Sunday Service at Loyola Chapel, 5 pm

To register, or for more information, check out the web site at <http://alumni.concordia.ca/>, or phone Lauren Gould at 848-7377 or toll-free at 1-888-777-3330 ext. 7377.

# the backpage

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Events, notices and classified ads must reach the Internal Relations & Communications Department (BC-115) in writing no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, the week prior to publication. Back Page submissions are also accepted by fax (848-2814) and e-mail (ctr@alcor.concordia.ca). For more information, please contact Debbie Hum at 848-4579.

## Applied Psychology Centre

The Applied Psychology Centre in the Department of Psychology offers confidential psychotherapy and assessment for adults, couples, families, children and teenagers. By appointment only: 848-7550.

## Art

**Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery**  
Monday to Friday 11 am-7 pm; Saturday 1-5 pm; closed Sundays. 1400 de Maisonneuve W. Free admission. Info: 848-4750.

**VAV Gallery**  
Monday to Friday 10 am - 10 pm. 1395 René Lévesque W. Info: 848-7388

## CPR classes

**Environmental Health and Safety**  
For information on CPR classes, contact Donna Fasciano at 848-4355 or visit our web site at <http://relish.concordia.ca/EHS/>.

**Tuesday, October 8**  
Heartsaver  
**Saturday, October 12**  
BCLS  
**Sunday, October 13**  
Baby Heartsaver  
**Thursday, October 17**  
Heartsaver  
**Saturday, October 19**  
Heartsaver  
**Sunday, October 20**  
BCLS Recertification  
**Monday, October 21**  
Heartsaver

## Centre for Teaching and Learning Services

To register for CTLs workshops, please contact 848-2495, [ctls@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:ctls@alcor.concordia.ca), or register online at [www.concordia.ca/ctls](http://www.concordia.ca/ctls).

**Thinking Outside the Box: Developing Creative Thinking in Students**  
This workshop will provide concrete strategies to help overcome some of the major blocks to creative thinking. Participants will become familiar with several approaches to creative thinking and a number of techniques that have proven effective in a wide range of fields. Thursday, September 26, Hall Building H-771, 9:30 am-12 pm.

**Writing a Letter of Recommendation**  
This workshop explores the strategies of writing effective letters for students, for awards and scholarships, for graduate schools and employers, and how to discuss recommendations with those who request them. Monday, October 7, H-771, 1 pm-2:30 pm.

**Teaching with the Case Method**  
The case method has been proven an effective teaching tool to attain the highest three cognitive levels, i.e., diagnosis, evaluation, and synthesis. The workshop covers areas such as how to handle cases before, during and after class, problem diagnosis, diverging and converging analyses, etc. Thursday, October 10, 9 am-12 pm, H-771.

**Research Databases, e-Journals and Electronic Current Awareness Services**  
This hands-on workshop will provide an overview of research databases and electronic journals available from the libraries. The session will cover how to access electronic

resources on campus and from home, and how to search databases effectively. Enrolment is limited to 20. Wednesday, October 16, LB-203, 9:30-11:30 am.

### Preventing, Detecting and Dealing with Plagiarism in the Electronic Age

With access to fulltext databases and Internet resources, plagiarism has become a much bigger problem in universities. This workshop will provide participants with an overview of plagiarism issues in the digital age, including strategies to prevent and detect it and procedures for dealing with it at Concordia. Thursday, October 24, H-769, 2-4 pm.

## Counselling and Development

**SGW: H-440, 848-3545; Loyola: 2490 W. Broadway, 848-3555.**

### Student Success Centre

Drop by H-481 and speak to us about any of the personal, academic or career concerns you may be experiencing. We can point you in the right direction.

## Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a voluntary, confidential counselling and information service available to all employees eligible for health benefits at Concordia, including their immediate family, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Log onto the EAP Web Page at <http://eap.concordia.ca> for helpful information about counselling services, lunch seminars, newsletters and lots more! 1-800-387-4765 (Eng.) 1-800-361-5676 (Fr.)

### Smoking cessation program

"I Quit", a group smoking cessation program for staff and faculty, begins a new session in October. Information session on Tuesday, October 1, 12 to 1 pm in H-771. Register online (<http://eap.concordia.ca>) or contact Nina Peritz (848-3667 or [eap@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:eap@alcor.concordia.ca)).

### Lectures

**Thursday, September 26**

Margaret Kelleher (Boston College Visiting Professor), on "Hunger and History: Commemorating the Irish Famine." 8:30 pm, Hall Building H-762. Information: 848-8711

**Thursday, September 26**

John Schofield (Museum of London), on "Recent Archaeological Research on Shakespeare's London." 4:15 pm, Hall Building, H-760. Sponsored by the British History Seminar and the Departments of English and History.

**Thursday, September 26**

Kathy Eden (Columbia University), on "Get on Down: Plato's Rhetoric of Education." D.B. Clarke Theatre, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. Presented by the Liberal Arts College. 848-2565

**Thursday, September 26**

Debra Fraser-Howze (National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS), on "Crisis and Response in African-American Communities." Hall Building, H-110, 6 pm.

**Saturday, September 28**

Dr. Joe Schwartz will give a lecture as part of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduate Research Conference, at 1 pm in the DeSève Cinema. See the conference program at: [http://artsandscience.concordia.ca/chem/gra\\_d\\_conference/index.htm](http://artsandscience.concordia.ca/chem/gra_d_conference/index.htm)

**Thursday, October 3**

Mark Kingwell (University of Toronto), on "New York, Capital of the Twentieth Century." 5:30 pm, Bronfman Building Atrium, 1259 Dr. Penfield Ave. Sponsored by the School of Community and Public Affairs.

**Monday, October 7**

Hubert Reeves (Université de Montréal), on "The Universe has a History" 4:15 pm. Hall Building, H-920. The Montreal Inter-University Seminar History and Philosophy of Science.

## Legal Information

Concordia's Legal Information Services offers free and confidential legal information and assistance to the Concordia community. By appointment: 848-4960.

## Meetings & Events

### Jewish Studies conference

Thursday, September 26, 8 pm, Hall Building, H-763. Exile and Transformation, a conference on the works of composers Arnold Schoenberg and Kurt Weill. A concert will take place on Friday, September 27, at the Jeunesse musicale concert hall, 305 Mont-Royal E. Information: Leslie.Snider@sympatico.ca or [mbecking@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:mbecking@alcor.concordia.ca).

### Poetry reading

Thursday, September 26, 8 pm. Creative Writing MA Joshua Auerbach, co-editor of the leading Canadian poetry journal *Vallum*, will be reading poetry at the Yellow Door, 3625 Aylmer St.

### Panel discussion on Islam

The Muslim Students Association invites students and the general public to a free lecture entitled "Human Rights Violations: An Islamic Perspective" on Friday, September 27, at 7:30 pm in H-110. Panelists include Khalid Griggs and Yaseen Dwyer. For more information, contact [msaconcordia@vif.com](mailto:msaconcordia@vif.com).

### Montreal Matters

Thursday, October 10, 7:30 pm. Author Stephen Jenkinson, on "Money and the Soul's Desires: A Meditation." J.A. DeSève Cinema, 1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W.

### Krishnamurti Film Series

**October 11:** 1455 de Maisonneuve W. H-520, 8:30pm. The J. Krishnamurti Video Presentations 937-8869

## Multi-Faith Chaplaincy

Loyola: Belmore House, Annex WF Room 101, 2496 West Broadway, 848-3588; SGW: Annex 2, rooms 102-106, 2090 Mackay, 848-3590. <http://advocacy.concordia.ca/ministry/>

Multi-Faith Chaplaincy at Concordia University exists within the academic community to nurture faith, spirituality and social responsibility, and to provide a pastoral presence, especially for students. We offer workshops, discussion groups, and religious services, and coordinate social justice action and community involvement. Support for students include the Student Emergency Food Fund, Mother Hubbard's Thursday night meals, and counselling and referrals.

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## Notices

### Call for papers

For the Annual Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, in May 2003 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The session on "After Genocide: Trauma, Memory, and Forgiving" will examine the experience of trauma, both

personal and collective, including its representations in literature and art, as well as expressions of recognition and contrition, and various ways of reconstituting memory. We invite panel submissions that deal with these post-genocide topics. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Oct. 1, 2002. Mailing address: Dr. S. Aprahamian/Dr. K. Doerr, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, 1455 de Maisonneuve W., Montreal (Quebec), H3G 1M8. Congress information at [congress@hssf.ca](http://hssf.ca). Email: [kdoerr@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:kdoerr@alcor.concordia.ca), or [aprhma@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:aprhma@alcor.concordia.ca).

### Graduate fellowship information sessions

Students currently registered in the last year of their undergraduate degree and planning to pursue graduate studies next year, or presently enrolled in a graduate funding and looking for sources of funding to pursue your graduate studies, are urged to attend one of these sessions, which will feature information on the major granting agencies as well as other fellowships. Thursday, Sept. 26, 1-2 pm, H-762. <http://graduatestudies.concordia.ca/awards/>

### Administration information sessions

The Graduate Diplomas in Administration and in Sport Administration (DIA/DSA) will hold an information session for people from all faculties on Thursday, Oct. 17, 6 pm, in Room GM 403-2, 1550 de Maisonneuve W. Sign up/Information: 848-2766, or at [www.johnmolson.concordia.ca/diadsa](http://www.johnmolson.concordia.ca/diadsa).

### OCD & depression research

The Psychology Department at Concordia needs people for studies of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and depression. If you have unwanted, intrusive thoughts that cause anxiety, or repeat things to reduce your anxiety, and/or you have been feeling sad or depressed for an extended time, or have lost interest in most of your usual activities please call 848-2199. Participants will receive treatment information and compensation.

### Volunteers wanted

The Office of Students with Disabilities is looking for volunteers interested in devoting a few hours per week to assist students with reading (recording material onto cassette) or tutoring (subject or writing). Contact Marieve Duffy at 848-3525 or [sdvol@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:sdvol@alcor.concordia.ca)

## Office of Rights & Responsibilities

The Office of Rights and Responsibilities is available to all members of the university community for confidential consultations regarding any type of unacceptable behaviour, including discrimination and personal/sexual harassment, threatening and violent conduct, theft, destruction of property, 848-4857, or drop by GM-1120.

## Ombuds Office

The Ombuds Office is available to all members of the University for information, confidential advice and assistance with university-related problems. Call 848-4964, or drop by GM-1120.

## Peer Support Centre

Wondering what to do this fall? How about helping other students and learning about yourself in the process? The Peer Support Program is now accepting applications. To find out more, contact Ellie Hummel (848-3590 or [Ellie.Hummel@concordia.ca](mailto:Ellie.Hummel@concordia.ca)), or visit our site: [http://advocacy.concordia.ca/peer\\_support/peer.html#become](http://advocacy.concordia.ca/peer_support/peer.html#become).

## Unclassified

### Apartment for rent

NDG, four minutes from Loyola Campus. 5 1/2 on ground floor of duplex, hardwood floors, appliances, fireplace. Available beginning October, \$950. Call 912-6464

### Sublet

Park and Villeneuve, 5 1/2, furnished sublet, attractive, bright, quiet, with office space, parking spot. For fall semester, possible renewal winter semester, \$1,150 plus utilities. 270-6670.

## Room available

Seeking student for a quiet home in Laval, close to bus stop and 15 min. from train station. Electricity, washer/dryer, fridge, stove, insurance, television, bed, cable and parking included. Contact Paul at [faulken@cyber-globe.net](mailto:faulken@cyber-globe.net).

## Weekday sublet

Furnished, fully equipped apartment in St. Henri to sublet during week only (Sunday night through Friday inclusive), \$400/month. Ideal for grad student or instructor on semester contract who returns home on weekends. Call 937-9047 (weekends) or e-mail [broberts@westlib.org](mailto:broberts@westlib.org).

## Editing services

Do you need to publish? Does your thesis or dissertation need editing? Specializing in chemical and biological sciences, I offer editing services at reasonable rates. For more information please contact David at [d.mclaughlin@videotron.ca](mailto:d.mclaughlin@videotron.ca).

## Tutor

Graduate student offering tutoring for all Biochemistry and Chemistry core courses (including Chem 205 and Chem 206). Low rate! Call Alex 483-3989

## Tutor, editor and translator

Offering editing and tutoring in English and French to English translation; experienced and specialized in working with students from different cultural backgrounds. Call 989-1838 or 816-9915

## Services divers

Français - Cours particulier, conversation et rédaction. Tous les niveaux, universitaire aussi. Tel. 745-4833

## Services offered

Tutor with university science degree available for science and non-science courses, and to help with term papers and research projects. Also books for sale. Call 408-0247

## Computer repairs and training

To fix your PCs or learn how to fix and upgrade your computer, call Ahday 236-4608. [www.demstech.com](http://www.demstech.com)

## For sale

New electric BBQ (\$60), folding bed (\$30), captain's bed (\$150), kitchen cabinet (\$60),

lady's bicycle (\$40). Phone 367-4190 after 6 pm or leave a message. All prices negotiable.

## Autumn day trip

For autumn colours festival, in Parc Mont Megantic in the Eastern Townships. Saturday Sept. 28. Cost: \$28.50; optional fees for astronomical observatories. Marcia@483-4139.

## Community help needed

Parenting groups, to help parents of school-age children learn new tools and strategies. Eight weeks, \$100, Thurs evenings. Call Gall at 937-5351, ext. 240, by Sept. 26.

## Volunteers needed

Attend our information session on rewarding volunteer work. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10 am - noon, at the Good Shepherd Community Centre, 2338 St. Antoine Blvd. Call David or Susie 933-7351.

## Workshops

### Library workshops

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